

ALTERNATE-FOCUSED SAMPLING

In alternate-focused sampling, a minimum required percentage or number of applications based on income eligibility must be selected for verification AND a minimum required percentage or number of applications approved based on categorical eligibility must be selected for verification.

Remember, families approved through direct certification are not included in the selection process.

The SFA **must** verify a minimum of:

- (1) The lesser of **1% or 1,000** of the **total** number of approved applications (both income and categorical). The 1% sample is selected from income applications with total household income within \$100 monthly or \$1,200 annually of the income eligibility guidelines (IEGs) for free and reduced price meals for that size household;

PLUS

- (2) The lesser of **one-half of 1% (0.5%) or 500** of the total number of applications that were approved based on categorical eligibility, selected from applications with a food stamp or FIP number.

EXAMPLE: 300 income applications
 200 categorical applications
 500 total applications in the application pool

$$(a) \quad 500 \text{ total applications} \quad \times .01 \quad = 5$$

$$(b) \quad 200 \text{ categorical applications} \quad \times .005 = \underline{1}$$

$$\text{TOTAL SAMPLE} \quad = 6$$

- (3) A sample of 5 applications must be selected from income applications with total household income within \$100 monthly or \$1,200 annually of the income eligibility guidelines (IEGs) for free and reduced price meals for that size household;

PLUS

- (4) 1 from the 200 categorical applications that provided a food stamp/FIP case number in lieu of income on the application.